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Ex-Engineer Flays Stevens, City Dad

Bishop Hits at Ex-Boss

Charges that the progress of the engineering department was purposely hamstrung and that he resigned as city engineer under strong pressure, were made yesterday by Ronald W. Bishop.

In placing the blame of "hopeless" and "inadequate" understaffing, he pointed the finger at City Manager George Stevens and charged that he was obstructed by Councilman Willys Blount.

Bishop charged that his chief assistant, John Patrick, did not have a college education but yet was the person consulted on important departmental matters.

"Stevens communicated with subordinates rather than myself... He failed to advise me of facts which were important to my work, and refused to recommend that the City Council take affirmative action to correct the intolerable working conditions which existed within my organization."

Lack of Engineers

Bishop, who resigned as of June 1, said that in 1957 the city had but two registered or graduate engineers while comparable cities such as Glendale and Burbank had eight and nine, respectively.

Bishop contended that he had been plagued with unusual difficulties since his second year as city engineer.

"From the time that I demanded that the street paving, gutters and cross-gutters in Torrance subdivisions be comparable to those in Inglewood and Redondo Beach, Stevens and Blount actively frustrated me in the performance of my duties," Bishop declared.

Tried to Explain

He claimed that when he tried to explain to the City Council reasons to maintain satisfactory subdivision standards, Blount defended the subdividers and made derogatory remarks to him personally.

Bishop said that in November, Stevens threatened him with "black-listing" in every California city unless he stepped down as engineer.

Bishop subsequently resigned as engineer to take a lower classification post.

"My conversation with Stevens convinced me that certain public issues were so personal to him (Continued on Page Two)

Hull Escapes Injury in Crash

Dr. J. H. Hull, 51, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District, escaped injury yesterday in a two-car collision in which a mother and her two children were injured.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital after she was thrown from her car was Mrs. Peggy Ann Fasio, of 3222 Orrado St., and her two children, Pamela, 3, and Patrick, 1, police reported.

The collision occurred at Sonoma St. and Elm Ave., shortly after noon.

Press Service

Residents within the Torrance Press circulation area who have not received their copy by 2 p. m. on Thursdays will be assured of delivery if they call in their request by 4 p. m.

This is in line with the policy of delivering this newspaper to all homes in the circulation area regardless of whether the carrier boy is paid for his delivery.

However, it is pointed out, that the carrier boy's income depends to a great extent on the collections he makes on his route. The nominal charge of 25 cents per month is made if the Torrance Press is delivered on Thursday only. Boys will collect 45 cents if delivery is made both on Thursdays and Sundays.

All persons who reside in Torrance will be guaranteed twice-a-week delivery if they pay 45 cents to the carrier.

These boys are independent young businessmen who are building character as well as earning money by working their routes.

Be sure to demand a receipt whenever the boy calls to collect for the preceding month. Collections for May are now under way.

2200 Students to Graduate

Some 2200 students in Torrance schools will say goodbye to their alma maters next week in graduation ceremonies to be held by the adult school, 26 elementary schools and two high schools.

Scheduled to get their diplomas are some 680 seniors, 1370 eighth graders, and 160 adult school students. The adult school will hold its graduation first, on Tuesday, at 8 p. m., with School Board President Clinton Cooke awarding diplomas.

North High seniors — 465 strong—will graduate in ceremonies starting at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, in Murdock Stadium, El Camino. Bob Hollowell and Joann Hoffmeier will be student speakers, with Miller Boren as alternate. Clinton Cooke and Walter Garrabrant, school board members, and Supt. J. H. Hull will take part in the ceremonies. The Rev. William

Schatz and the Rev. Milton Sippel will also participate.

Torrance High
Torrance High's ceremonies for its 208 graduates will be at 7:45 p. m. Thursday in the stadium of the school. Mrs. Grace Wright and Joseph G. Arnold, school board members, will present diplomas with Hull accepting the candidates. Sharon Clark, Mardell Clayton, Naomi Johnson and Victor Ramirez will be student speakers.

North High's baccalaureate ceremonies will be held at 1 p. m. Sunday in Murdock Stadium, El Camino, with the Rev. Monrad Bergeson giving the address and the Rev. Milton Sippel giving the invocation and benediction. The THS rites will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday with the Rev. Hugh Percy giving the address. Rev. Charles Little, Rev. Peter Lee and Rev. Wendell Hook also will take part.

Elementary Schedule

Five elementary schools have scheduled graduations for Wednesday, June 10. The schools, times and person presenting diplomas are:

Jefferson, 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Wright.
Seaside, 7 p. m., Garrabrant.
Anza, 7:30 p. m., Arnold.
Torrance Elementary, 7:30 p. m., William C. Boswell Jr., school board member.
Meadow Park, 7:30 p. m., Cooke.

Thursday Rites

The rest of the district's elementary schools have scheduled their ceremonies on Thursday. The schools, times and persons handing out diplomas are as follows:

Casimir, 4 p. m., Mrs. Wright.
Hamilton, 4:30 p. m., Garrabrant.
Madrona, 4:30 p. m., Arnold.
Edison, 5 p. m., Dr. Joseph Bay, former school board member.

Carr, 5 p. m., Mrs. Evelyn Carr, former school board member and school namesake.
Parkway, 5:30 p. m., Cooke.
Crenshaw, 5:30 p. m., Mrs. Margaret Denmarsh, curriculum consultant.
Calle Mayor, 5:30 p. m., Boswell.

Yukon, 5:30 p. m., Garrabrant.
Arlington, 5:45 p. m., Arnold.
Magruder, 6 p. m., Philip S. Magruder, namesake of the school.

Hillside, 6:30 p. m., Dr. Ted Cyphert, school curriculum consultant.

Walteria, 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Trudy Aldershof, curriculum consultant.

Wood, 7 p. m., Dr. Howard Wood, former school board member and namesake of the school.

Perry, 7 p. m., Dr. Rollin Smith, former school board member.

Steele, 7 p. m., S. E. Waldrip, assistant superintendent.
Sepulveda, 7 p. m., Darwin Parrish, former school board member.

Fern-Greenwood, 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Wright.
Newton, 7 p. m., Dr. Albert Posner, assistant superintendent.

Flavian, 7:30 p. m., Boswell.
Riviera, 8 p. m., Robert Morton, director of personnel.

The last day of school will be June 12. Summer school will run from June 22 to July 31, with some 8100 students signed up for classes. Regular sessions will begin again on Sept. 10.

Police, Firemen Ask 10% Pay Hike, Longevity Plan Here

Salary increases of 10 per cent in addition to longevity pay and fringe benefits are being asked by Torrance police and firemen.

The longevity program was turned down by the City Council last year, but was again submitted in time for the 1959-60 budget.

The program calls for granting an additional one-step pay boost (4.7 per cent, after five, 12 and 19 years service with the city.

The police and firemen's committee which made the request, estimated that longevity pay will



GOING AFTER BIG ONES—Rickey Vaseleno, 8, of Torrance, gets in a little practice before the annual Huck Finn Day fishing event which will be held at Alondra Park Saturday. Numerous prizes will be awarded to the boy and girl fisherman for their angling skill and costumes.

—Press Photo

City Dads Hit Cost of Rubbish Pickup

Several city departments came in for sour comments Monday night when the City Council agonized for two hours on how the city can live on its income.

About all the city fathers concluded at the first budget session was that taxes are here to stay and there might even be some sentiment to raise them. They were particularly aroused by the high cost of municipal rubbish collection.

Although the trash program, which costs the general fund \$200,000 a year above the monthly \$1 collection charge came in for the major criticism, councilmen were also stung by other expenses.

"On this rubbish collection, I get a little shook. Did we ever think of private enterprises?" Councilman Willys Blount wanted to know after he was informed it will cost \$502,000 to pick up trash and garbage.

Coffee Breaks

"We told them to cut down from eight coffee breaks to two, and now we've got it down to four," Councilman George Bradford declared. "I personally feel that the supervision, is very weak."

He added that stronger supervision is needed also in other departments.

The park department which had asked for 12 additional men this year, was next.

"What are they going to do with 12 more men?" Councilman Robert Jahn wanted to know.

"To lean on shovels," grumbled Blount.

Councilmen finally decided to allow four more men to take care of three additional parks.

Fire Department

The fire department's request for 10 more men, including three communications people was finally reduced to just the latter.

"There are two many officers and not enough men," declared Councilman Nicholas O. Drale. "I'm against creating any more people in higher classifications unless absolutely necessary."

He said that since no more stations are being built this year, and the city is cutting fire hazards through its weed abatement program, no more firemen are needed.

"Besides, there are no more

Short Staff

At one point during the chopping of additional personnel, City Manager George Stevens became quite perturbed.

"We are operating with half as many people as cities of comparable size. We need more of everything to keep up with the services."

He made the remark after Isen grouched that he was tired of hearing how short-staffed city personnel is.

Police requests for eight more people was chopped down to four.

"There are more people in the station than out in the streets," muttered Councilman J. A. Beasley. (Continued on page 7).

\$3900 Burglary From District School Office

Nearly 4000 of office machines were stolen from the Torrance Unified School District offices by burglars Monday night.

R. W. Crosby, district business manager, said that the thieves who broke in through the rear door of the administration building at 2335 Plaza del Amo, took nine machines valued at \$3900.

The loot included electric typewriters, adding machines and calculators.

Entry was gained by breaking out a glass louver, and tearing a screen. The stolen items were presumably loaded on a truck or car after being hauled out the front door, police said.

LARGEST CLASS

Alexander Fleming in Lomita will have the largest graduating class in Los Angeles junior high schools, with 610 students to receive diplomas June 19 at 10 a. m.

Tax Hike Pondered in Budget

Accompanied by moans and groans, the City Council decided it may have to hike taxes just a wee bit in order to take care of rising costs of city government next fiscal year.

Confronted by budget requests some \$800,000 above expected income they decided that the tax rate will probably have to go up two cents for employee retirement and 2 1/2 cents for libraries.

The tax hikes above the present \$1.22 per \$100 assessed valuation rate, plus a transfer of \$50,000 additional from the profit-making water department, was considered as a way to raise income from the \$4,338,373 income estimated by City Manager George Stevens.

Requests Cut

This will mean that most of the \$800,000 in requests above that figure will have to be eliminated to bring the 1959-60 budget into balance.

One big step in that direction was taken when councilmen knocked out 41 of 67 proposed new employees and a good share of equipment which would have been used by the additional manpower.

Stevens' estimate of total expenditure also included \$200,000 to grant a five per cent salary boost to all employees and individual adjustments, and \$100,000 in the unappropriated reserve.

Biggest single request came from the police department, which wanted \$870,187. The fire department asked for \$655,000, rubbish collection costs \$502,000, park department \$506,000 and recreation, \$288,000.

No Capital Outlay

Included in the requests was \$318,000 in equipment purchases, but no single major capital improvements were figured into this amount.

Stevens, who estimates on revenues have been quite accurate in the past, said assessed valuation will not increase more than seven per cent over last year, representing an additional \$12,000. (Continued on page 6)

Mink Stole, Other Prizes Offered in Carl's Mother of Year Essay Contest

Carl's Market at 228th St. and Vermont Ave., and your favorite newspaper the Torrance Press, are co-sponsoring an exciting "Carl's Mother of the Year" Contest to be climaxed at the July grand opening of Carl's new supermarket.

"Mothers are the most important people in the world to us," stated Art Caplan, president of Carl's Markets. "A great day has been planned for our little lady."

Caplan explained that the winner will be picked up in a chauffeured limousine at her door the morning of the opening and delivered with great fanfare to the ribbon cutting ceremonies at Carl's.

Reign as Queen
She will reign as queen throughout the entire gala affair. Her

first official act after cutting the ribbon opening the beautiful new Carl's, will be a shopping spree with a gold-plated shopping cart which she will fill at her own discretion and will take home to her family with the compliments of Carl's.

Who better to recommend Carl's Mother of the Year than one of her children. To enter your mother, you must be under the age of 18.

Just write a nice letter on an entry form contained in this issue of the Torrance Press, accompanied by a recent snapshot. If she wins, she will receive a beautiful mink stole from the Gay shop in Torrance.

Wins Wardrobe
The young person who submits the winning entry has not

been forgotten. A \$100 merchandise order at the clothing store of his or her choice will be the prize. This shopping tour will be supervised by Mary Neth, Torrance Press fashion editor, while Mom and Dad will be along as spectators.

The final date to enter the contest will be midnight, June 30. All entries should be mailed or delivered to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance, by deadline time.

Judges will be community leaders from this area to be announced later. No Carl's officials will serve on the judging committee.

A handy contest entry blank will be found on page 7 of today's Press.



MILK MAID—Pretty Mary Lynn Cooke, 18, body knows June is Dairy Month, proclaims with Bossie the Cow to make sure everybody knows. —Press Photo